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TINKLARIAN Dr. *William Mitchel's* SIXTH EPISTLE,

Written in the Sixty Third Year of
his Age, 1733.

Dedicated to the PRINCIPAL; and the
PROFESSOR of Divinity of the Col-
lege of *Edinburgh*;

I dedicate this EPISTLE to them, nor for
their Good, but for their Ill; so let me see if
they be capable to answer it, if they cannot,
they should lay down their Commission, and
let them apply it as I go along.

MY FIRST EPISTLE, was
against the Practice of such as Mr.
Cummin, Minister of *Humbie* in *East-
Lothian*; and of such as Mr. *Grinlins*
Minister of *Ceres* in *Fyfe*; and of the *Six*
Ministers of the Shire of *Aberdeen*, who

was before the *General Assembly* as was
said many Times in the *North* to me ; that
all the Six lay with one Woman at a Bri-
dal, and there is but Two of the Six put
out of their Kirks for it ; in this blind Ge-
neration, a Presbyterian Minister may do
and say as he pleases ; there was Words in
that Epistle, which **CHRIST** shall speak
unto such Ministers on the Day of Judg-
ment.

My *Second Epistle*, was for the Vindica-
tion of such as **Mr. Glass**, a Minister of the
Independent **Church**, who hath come out
from among such Ministers, that they
may not be a Partaker of their Sins.

My *Third Epistle*, was for the Vindi-
cation of **Mr. Erskin's** Sermon, which
he preached before the Synod of *Perth*
and *Stirling*, which is condemned by the
most Part of the Presbyterian Ministers of
Scotland, because it is far above their
Reach ; it is now said, they have suspen-
ded him, and not to preach in a Kirk in
this Generation, none will be allowed to
preach in a Kirk but the Worshippers
of *Baal* only.

My *Fourth Epistle*, was to shew you
the Difference between **CHRIST's** King-
dom in this World, and **King George's**
King-

Kingdom, with a Description of our No-
bility and *Walpool*.

My *Fifth Epistle*, was for the Condem-
nation of a Book, which the Minister of
Pennycook of *Mid-Lothian*, printed a-
gainst Mr. *Erskin's* Sermon, where I pro-
ved that he should be hanged, and his
Book should be burnt ; the Presbyterian
Ministers of *Dundee*, robbed me of these
Epistles, and would not allow them to be
sold in their City, as ye may hear in the
History of my Journals, altho' I had the
Lords of the Session Recommendation for
the Truth of them along with me ; yet
none of the Presbyterian Ministers in
Scotland, is capable to answer these Epi-
stles, otherwise they would, because I
have proven in these Epistles, that the most
Part of them are the Ministers of the De-
vil.

In this *Sixth Epistle*, I am to write,
that this blind Generation may be without
Excuse on the Day of Judgment, when
you see the Presbyterian Church shall de-
crease, and the Independent Church shall
increase ; then ye shall know that there
hath been a Prophet among you, what I
have prophesied these Twenty three Years,
concerning the Presbyterian Church hath
now come to pass.

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Now,

Now I say, in my *last Epistle*, take heed of whom you hear, for of what Measure ye met, it shall be measured to you again. The Church of *Rome* says, Their Church is the true Church ; the Bishops in *England* says, Their Church is the true Church ; the Presbyterians in *Scotland* says, Their Church is the true Church ; the Quakers says, Their Church is the true Church ; and as the Quakers is deceived, so is the other Three. I say, as true as the Scriptures are the Word of **GOD**, there is none of them the true Church ; the Church of *England* says, Lo there is **CHRIST** ; the Church of *Scotland* says, Lo here is **CHRIST** ; but **CHRIST** says to you, Believe them not ; and I say to you, believe them not ; for if any of these be the true Church, the Scriptures are not the Word of **GOD**, as I have proven at large in my Books.

Now Reader, I pose your Conscience, altho' ye were as rich as *Walpool*, and as wise, as *Ahithophel* to answer these Epistles ; but that Clergyman is not yet born, altho' I be not a Man of Letters, but the Spirit's Teaching is before the College Teaching ; I am sent to the World, especially to write to the Presbyterian Ministers, and I say to them, who hath now the

the Kirks, that they should rather take the Book of *Wallace* to their Kirks, nor as to take the Bible, because the Book of *Wallace* doth not condemn them, as the Bible doth, the whole Scope of the New Testament condemns them, as I have proven at large ; do ye believe the New Testament, I say, ifye believed them, ye would not hear these Men who walks contrary to it ; for these Presbyterian Ministers Profession is not founded upon the New Testament, and they walk not according to the Rules of the New Testament ; I say, there is not a true Church, but those that is founded upon the New Testament ; it is a strange Thing for you to say, ye believe the New Testament, and yet hears these Men who walk contrary to it, give me your Reason for it ; it is, because that Profession gives you a Toleration to believe that ye can keep both **C H R I S T** and the World ; altho' he hath told you, it is unpossible ye cannot serve both **G O D** and Mammon ; if ye love the World, the Love of the Father is not in you, so ye are deceived, and is as the Seed sown among Thorns ; the deceitfulness of Riches hath choked the Word in you, and will also choke you, so both you and your Hearers are deceived

ved; as these Pharisees said to their Officers, are ye deceived also, because they brought not **CHRIST** to them, that they might condemn him for curing a Man on the Sabbath-Day; have any of the Rulers, or of the Pharisees, believed on him, said they; but these Men who know not the Law are accursed; the same Words, are said of the weak Independent Church in this blind Generation, because great Men, Lords of the Session, and Magistrates, hear such Ministers, ye will hear them also to your eternal Ruin; you must take Notice of these Words, because these Words spake his Parents, because they feared the Jews; for the Jews had agreed already, that if any Man did confess that he was **CHRIST**, he should be put out of the Synagogue; this Scripture stands in great Force in this Generation, and it is made as plain as A, B, C, that they are the same with these Jews; there is but few or none, that will stir a Foot from their old Customs to confess **CHRIST**, that is, to hear his Doctrine; altho' it be come to their Door for fear they be put out of the Synagogue of Satan, which is the Lust of the Flesh, and the Lust of the Eye, and the Pride of Life; that is, their Pleasures, and Honours,

ours, and Posts, and Preferments in this World ; because, Bailie *Lyon* in *Dundee*, hath joined to the Independent Church, they mock him, and hath put him out of their Synagogue, and never to be a Bailie there again.

Behold, what **CHRIST** is now saying of the Presbyterian Church, for the Defence of the Independent Church, behold I will make them of the Synagogue of Satan, which say, they are Jews, and art not, but do lie ; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy Feet, and to know that I have loved thee, there is no other Church worthy of his Love, but those only who keeps his Word, because the Independent Church hath kepted the Word of his Patience, he hath promised to keep them from the Hour of Temptations, which shall come upon all the World to try them ; these trying Times are now come to *Scotland*, so examine your self, and consider your Ways, and try whether it will be better for you to believe **CHRIST**'s Words, or to believe the Presbyterian Ministers ; now or never, perhaps ye shall never have this Offer again, these Scriptures, makes it as plain as A, B, C, that either **CHRIST** is the Liar, or them ; and

if ye will still hear these Presbyterian Ministers when ye have others to hear, your Practice makes it plain, that **CHRIST** is the Liar and not them, altho' they hold their golden Cups in their Hands, full of Abomination and Filthiness; yet ye hear in these Scriptures, that Christ calls them the Liars, not only them, but all other Ministers who doth not keep **GOD**'s Word, as is made plain in these Scriptures; behold, what **CHRIST** is now saying to the Independent Church of *Scotland*, *I know thy Works, behold I have set before thee an open Door, and no Man can shut it, for thou hast a little Strength, and hast kept my Word, and hast not denied my Name.* **GOD** hath now set up this open Door in this Nation, as I told in my *Second Epistle*, that I am sent out as his Herald to proclaim it again in this City, that ye may be without Excuse; now I cry to Sinners of all Sorts, whosoever will let them come in at this open Door, it is now opened in this Nation, and the Spirit, and the Bride say, come; and let him that heareth, say, come; and let him that is a thirst, come; and whosoever will, let him take of the Water of Life freely; in these Scriptures, ye hear of the wonderful and great Love of **GOD**.

GOD in CHRIST, to all Sorts of Sinners, so he shall be justified when he speaketh, and clear when he judgeth ; and he shall be glorified in your Damnation, if ye refuse to come out from among those Ministers who walketh not according to the Scriptures, and come in at this open Door ; so he that hath an Ear to hear, let him hear, what the Spirit saith to the Churches, as these is among the last Words in the Scriptures, so this is among the last of my divine Writings, I am forbidden to cast any more of my Perils before Swin ; a Prophet hath no Honour in his own Country ; I know the Harvest is great in Scotland, and faithful Labourers few ; CHRIST says, The Independent Church hath little Strength, but for as little as she hath, no Man can shut her Door. It is said, Mr. Wilson, Minister at Perth, did what was in his Power to shut her Door, but CHRIST hath told him he cannot, so he must forbear, for it is hard for him to kick against the Pricks ; I hope GOD hath now enlightned his Eyes as he did Paul's, and hath convinced him of his Error ; it is said, he is now discharged to preach in a Kirk, and this gives the Independent Church the more Strength, and if she hath little

little Strength, we have the more need to pray for more Labourers, and that his Kingdom may come, and his Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven ; and he saith unto me, Seal not the Prophesie of this Book, for the Time is at Hand, that Time, that is there spoken of, is now come to **Scotland**, he hath now set up his true Church in this Nation ; and so long as this Church stands, the Scriptures will not be sealed up ; and all that is without the true Church, are Dogs and Sorcerers, and Whoremongers, and Murderers, and Idolaters, and whosoever loveth to make a Lie ; but so long as this Church stands in this Nation, there is hopes for all such Sinners ; that terrible Threatning shall never be put in Execution ; he which is unjust, let him be unjust still ; and him that is filthy, let him be filthy still ; by this Scriptures, it is made plain, that the true Gospel is an unspeakable great Mercy, whether ye believe it or not, and whether ye hear it or not ; then how shall we escape if we neglect this great Salvation ; there is some Thing to be observed from *Paul's* Words in these Scriptures, how shall we escape, he takes in himself, altho' he was the most eminent Saint on the Earth in his Time, as if he had

had said, how shall I *Paul* escape ? This makes it plain, that we shall not escape, if we neglect to hear this true Gospel, when it is come to our Door ; we do not know, how soon these golden Candlesticks may be removed from us, and then this great Salvation shall be hid from our Eyes ; this Salvation, is called great in two Respects. *First*, If we consider the great Price that was paid for it. *2dly*. The great Loss that we shall have if we neglect it ; wo will be to us when he departs from us ; so I say to you this Day, that **C H R I S T** is crying to us to behold him ; behold, I come quickly, says he, and my Reward is with me, to give to every Man according as his Work shall be ; he which testifieth these Things, saith, surely I come quickly, even so come **L O R D J E S U S** ; behold he comes quickly, blessed is he that keepeth the Sayings of the Prophesie of this Book.

I shall prophesie more from God's Word, cursed is the Man that trusteth in Man, and maketh Flesh his Arm, whose Heart departeth from the **L O R D** ; doth not these Scriptures make it as plain as **A, B, C**, that these Ministers Hearts is departed from the **L O R D**, when they have made the Parliament in *England* their Arm ; so

so he that getteth Riches, and not by Right, shall leave them in the midst of his Days, and at his End shall be a Fool ; **G O D** doth not say, these Ministers may be Fools, but he says, they shall be Fools ; these Presbyterian Ministers Consciences tells them, that the Riches they get is not by Right, because they have not their Warant from the Word of **G O D** ; *Paul* tells *Timothy*, in the Name of all the Ministers in the World, that **GOD** crowneth no Man that striveth, except he strive lawfully ; that is, according to the Rules of the Scriptures ; and these Ministers who walk not according to that Rule, they have not Truth in them ; so ye hear how the World is blindfolded by the ignorant **Clergy** ; I doubt not but they know their Errors, as the Papist Priest doth ; but the filthy Lucre hath blindfolded both them and their Hearers, it is made as plain as A, B, C, to them that seeth, that there is not a Presbyterian Minister in all *Scotland*, that will believe **C H R I S T** 's Word, except those that have left their Kirks ; so he says to them, because they have left their Houses, they shall receive manifold more in this Life, and in the World to come, Life everlasting ; but those

those that still keep their Kirk, and their golden Cups in their Hand, C H R I S T ' s Rule is not a Rule to them, but the B r i t i s h Parliament is their Rule ; and whatever they command either by unlawful Oaths, or by unlawful A c t s , they must obey them, so they cast the Law of G O D behind their Back ; they are blind, who doth not see this Truth fulfilled in this Generation, and yet they call themselves C H R I S T ' s Ministers ; altho' the whole Scope of the Scriptures condemns them ; they hold C H R I S T as a Liar, and the Parliamenters as true Men, tell not this in Gath, publish it not in A s h d o d ; and so long as these two Men are thus preferred, no Minister shall have a Kirk who walketh according to the Rule of G O D ' s Word.

Paul told me, the Day before this was printed, for this Cause, G O D shall send them strong Delusion, that they should believe a Lie, that they all might be damned, who believe not the Truth, that they might be saved ; I know the D i v i l will hinder them to apply this Scripture to themselves, altho' I was sent on Purpose to this World, to write to them above all other Churches in the World.

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Now, I shall write two Scriptures for the Condemnation of those Enemies of the Gospel, and great Comfort to those godly Ministers, who is put out of their Kirks; hear the Word of the L O R D, ye that tremble at his Word ; your Brethren that hated you, and that cast you out for my Name's Sake ; but let the L O R D be glorified, for he shall appear to your Joy, and they shall be ashamed ; this Scripture gives these godly Ministers great Comfort, but wo to them who have the Cause of it, for they shall be ashamed, because they will neither hear his Word, nor tremble at his Word ; the other Scripture says, as for me I have not hastened from being a Pasture to follow thee ; neither have I desired the woful Day, thou knowest that which came out of my Lips was right before thee ; be not a Terror unto me, thou art my Hope in the Day of Evil, let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded ; let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed ; bring upon them the Day of Evil, and destroy them with double Destruction ; I think these Scriptures should make these Ministers of *Scotland* tremble, who are Enemies to the true Gospel.

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The Conclusion to all those, that hath the Sense to understand my Books, may know that there is no Clergyman that is capable to answer them ; and the Reason of it is, because I prefer GOD's Glory before my own Salvation, yet I am far short of *Moses* in Meekness, but he spake unadvisedly, for saying, shall we bring Water out of the Rock ; he took that Glory to himself and to *Aaron*, which only belongeth to GOD, and for that he must die, and not see the earthly *Canaan*, because he did not sanctify the L O R D, as to give him all the Glory, but *Paul* gives G O D all the Glory, he took none of it to himself, I have laboured more, says he, than they did all, but he did not forget G O D, so he says, not he, but it was the Grace of G O D that made him do so ; so I say, it was not I that wrote all these divine Books, but it was the Grace that G O D did give me ; so I will give him all the Glory, I will take none of it to myself, not unto me, not unto me ; but let his great and glorious Name be glorified for ever more, A M E N. G O D hath given unto Men in the holy Scriptures by his Inspiration, plentiful Instructions in Righteousness ; so CHRIST proves

his

his Doctrine to be of GOD, because he
sought only the Glory of GOD; and he
teacheth us to know false Ministers by
their Fruits; now I pose your Conscience,
whether these Presbyterian Ministers be
seeking GOD's Glory, when their Practice
makes it as plain as A, B, C, that they are
seeking their own Glory, and will still
keep their golden Cups in their Hands,
both against Scripture and Reason, for ta-
king more Money for Preaching, nor they
are able to eat or drink; then where lyes
the Difference between them and the Bi-
shops in *England*, or the Pope of *Rome*;
as for my Part I see no Difference, and I
say, there is no Difference, who makes
Money their End in Preaching; now,
I say, at the close, as *Pilate* said,
what I have writen I have written,
I will stand by them against these Two
Men, and all the Devils in Hell;
there is some offended at me, because I
make use of the Scripture as my Words;
but ye must know, what ever GOD speaks
in his Word, all Believers hath the same
Right to speak, according to that Scrip-
ture, for they are thine, and all mine are
thine, and thine are mine, that they may
be one as we are. 26 JY 60

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